

Historic, archived document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Hav-a-Look GARDENS SO BILLERICA, MASS.

JANUARY 2, 1924.

DEAR FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

IT WAS MY INTENTION TO ISSUE A NEW BROCHURE OR CATALOG FOR 1924, BUT CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND MY CONTROL HAVE PREVENTED MY SO DOING.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 25TH, HAV-A-LOOK WAS VISITED BY A TERRIFIC HAIL STORM, WHICH ABSOLUTELY RUINED EVERY BUD AND BLOSSOM, AND IN SOME INSTANCES NEARLY CUT THE PLANTS TO THE GROUND.

OLD INHABITANTS SAY THIS WAS THE WORST HAIL STORM IN THIS TOWN IN FIFTY YEARS.

SUFFICIENT TO SAY IT DID MY GARDEN SUCH DAMAGE THAT IT DID NOT RECOVER IN TIME TO ENABLE ME TO EXHIBIT AT ANY SHOW OR TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF FLOWERS THAT I WANTED FOR ILLUSTRATION OF THE BROCHURE I HAD INTENDED ISSUING.

THE DAMAGE ALSO PREVENTED MY CHECKING UP, AND OBTAINING PROPER DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL NEW SEEDLINGS I HAD INTENDED OFFERING FOR 1924.

I HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED TO SEND OUT THE REMAINING COPIES ON HAND OF THE BROCHURE I ISSUED IN THE SPRING OF 1923, WITH SOME CHANGES OF PRICES WHICH ARE NOTED AND WILL SAY THAT I HAVE A FINE STOCK OF BULBS OF MOST OF THE VARIETIES MENTIONED, AND CAN BE DEPENDED ON TO MAKE AS LOW PRICES AS ANY GROWER ON SUCH VARIETIES AS ARE NOT PRICED. SO IF YOU WILL ADVISE ME THE VARIETIES YOU DESIRE I WILL QUOTE PRICES OF SAME.

HOPING THE ELEMENTS MAY BE KINDER TO ME THE COMING YEAR AND THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO SEND YOU ALL A COPY OF MY BROCHURE FOR 1925.

I AM

YOURS FOR THE DAHLIA,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. Fish". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

